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SUPERSONICS FOR JORDAN

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1. AT RECEPTION JANUARY 25 FRENCH [redacted] B-1 MADE STRONG PLEA TO EMBOFF THAT "USG REACH DECISION" (FINANCING OR AIRCRAFT) ON SUPERSONICS FOR JORDAN STRESSING:

A. KING UNDER GREAT PRESSURE OBTAIN AIRCRAFT AND CANNOT RESIST ACQUISITION MIGS MUCH LONGER IF WESTERN PLANES NOT MADE AVAILABLE.

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B. FRENCH HAVE ALREADY GREATLY SOFTENED TERMS FOR MIRAGES AND CANNOT SOFTEN THEM FURTHER. KING PREFERS MIRAGES TO LIGHTNINGS. HE CANNOT INVOKE FINANCIAL STRINGENCIES TO BUY FEWER PLANES BECAUSE MIGS AVAILABLE TO HIM FOR FRACTION OF COST WESTERN AIRCRAFT.

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C. KING WOULD ACCEPT LIGHTNINGS DESPITE POLITICAL HANDICAP INHERENT JORDANIAN PROCUREMENT BRITISH MILITARY AIRPLANES IF OTHER WESTERN AIRCRAFT HE PREFERS UNAVAILABLE AND NECESSARY FINANCIAL FACILITIES PROVIDED.

D. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID HE OBVIOUSLY HOPING US WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR JORDANIANS BUY MIRAGE. HOWEVER, "WHATEVER DECISION USG ADOPTS", IT SHOULD BE TAKEN SOON AS RISK INTRO-

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DUCTION MIGS REAL AND GROWING (CF EMBTEL 3065).

2. [redacted] TOLD EMBOFF THAT ISRAELI MISSION NOW HERE TO LOOK AT SPECIFICATIONS PROJECTED ECAT FIGHTER (SEE ALSO EMBTEL 2368).

3. COMMENT: MIDDLE EAST ARMS BALANCE SEEMS LIKELY SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN FRENCH AND ISRAELI FONMINS JANUARY 31 (EMBTEL 4187). BOHLEN

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